State of Connecticut

Department of Labor

Standard Operating Policies & Procedures

Policy Title: Prohibition of Weapons in State of Connecticut DOL worksites

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- **1.0 Scope:** This policy is intended to encompass all State premises over which the CT DOL owns or exercises control.
- **2.0 Authority:** CGS Sec. 29-28(e) The issuance of any permit to carry a pistol or revolver does not thereby authorize the possession or carrying of a pistol or revolver in any premises where the possession or carrying of a pistol or revolver is otherwise prohibited by law or is prohibited by the person who owns or exercises control over such premises.
- **3.0 Policy:** Except as may be required as a condition of employment, weapons are not permitted in any DOL worksites.
 - **3.1** This policy is intended to be inclusive of all state agency personnel, contractors, subcontractors and vendors, as well as the public who may come to state work sites.
 - **3.2** Excluded from this policy are law enforcement personnel and others who are required to carry weapons as a condition of employment.
 - 3.3 Off duty law enforcement personnel and others who are required to carry weapons as a condition of employment, particularly those who come to a state work site to conduct personal business that may be contentious by its nature may be required to comply with the no weapons policy. This should be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
 - **3.4** Appropriate signage is to be installed at all points of entry into the building. This includes public entrances as well as those that are limited to employee access only.
 - 3.5 In leased locations where there are other non-state agency tenants in the facility, the aforementioned "no weapons" signage may only be installed at the point(s) of entry into the state-occupied areas of the building, unless the building landlord approves otherwise.

4.0 Other Affirmations of Authority Related to this Policy:

- **4.1** Governor's Executive Order No. 16 Violence in the Workplace Prevention Policy. "No employee shall bring into any state worksite any weapon or dangerous instrument as defined herein."
- **5.0 Definitions:** (Define any specific words or phrases within the document that may not be widely known by the general population)
 - **5.1** DOL Worksites: Any location, either permanent or temporary, where an employee performs any work-related duty. This includes but is not limited to the buildings and the surrounding perimeters, including the parking lots. It includes all state-owned and leased space, including vehicles, and any location where state business is conducted.
 - **5.2** Weapons: Any firearm, including a BB gun, whether loaded or unloaded, any knife (excluding a small pen or pocket knife), including a switchblade or other knife having an automatic spring release devise, a stiletto, any police baton or nightstick or any marital arts weapon or electronic defense weapon.

Signature

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